



Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, June 24, 2004

This “Weekly Notice” is prepared by the Pest Detection and Management Programs (PDMP) to communicate recent important events. These notices and other more detailed program information can be found at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/reports/>

EAB Update Report:

Michigan:

Three adults and 3 larvae of EAB were found in Elwell, Michigan, Gratiot County, and were confirmed by Dr. James Zablotny on June 16. The specimens were collected from ash firewood located at a residence. Approximately seven miles away, several trees with EAB symptoms were found in St. Louis, MI. Both Elwell and St. Louis are in Gratiot County, MI. This is a new county record. MDA plans to set trap trees to evaluate the site.

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SOD Report:

Trace forward surveys continue and the national survey is underway as PPQ determines the distribution of *Phytophthora ramorum*. The number of confirmed positive locations from the trace forward, national, and other surveys remains at 139 in 18 states.

PPQ has released to the states a trace forward list for nurseries and garden centers receiving stock from an Oregon production and wholesale nursery. There are more than 950 unique facilities on the list receiving 844,000 plants. The facility was one of several nurseries that supplied rhododendrons to a MD garden center – a composite sample from the store tested positive. Two rhododendrons and two potting media samples (not associated with the two positive plants) were found positive at OR nursery. A perimeter survey also found one positive rhododendron (from 720 samples) that was traced back to the nursery. A local supplier of potting media was surveyed and sampled and found negative for *P. ramorum*. During the investigation, OR collected over 5,000 samples in and around the nursery.

From an ODA press release: “The Oregon Department of Agriculture has adopted a temporary rule that creates a statewide inspection and certification program to protect Oregon from sudden oak death (SOD). By establishing a control area throughout the state, ODA is requiring all growers and dealers of plants susceptible to *Phytophthora ramorum*– the fungus that causes sudden oak death– to be annually inspected, tested, and certified free of the disease before they are allowed to sell those plants. The new regulation comes at the request of Oregon’s nursery industry and is in response to last month’s discovery of *P. ramorum* on plants in a Columbia County nursery.” The full press release announcing the rule can be seen at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/news/040623sod.shtml>.

PPQ issued two SPROs on June 23. One adds all members of the genus *Camellia* – species, hybrids and cultivars to the APHIS regulated host list. The other adds *Clintonia andrewsiana* (Andrew’s clintonia bead lily), *Dryopteris arguta* (California wood fern), *Smilacina racemosa* (false Solomon’s seal), and *Taxus brevifolia* (Pacific yew) to the associated host list. The SPROs and updated host/associate host lists will be posted shortly to the APHIS SOD web site.

Jim Writer is now the acting day-to-day incident manager for the *P. ramorum* program. Jonathon Jones will be taking on strategic analysis and planning for the program.

As of June 15, *P. ramorum* has been confirmed in plants traced forward from the initially positive Los Angeles County wholesaler remains at 118 locations in 16 states. The numbers of nurseries or garden centers with positive trace forward samples from the wholesaler by state are California (43), Alabama (3), Arkansas (1), Florida (6), Washington (11), Oregon (9), Texas (10), Colorado (1), Georgia (13), Louisiana (5), Maryland (1), North Carolina (9), New Mexico (1), Tennessee (2), and Virginia (1). The Federal confirmed nursery protocol was implemented at infested facilities. One residential sample from South Carolina linked to Monrovia has been found positive.



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To date, 17 Eastern Region states have begun or completed National Survey activities (AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, IN, KY, MD, MS, NJ, NC, NY, RI, SC, TN, VA, and WV). The states have 385 nurseries and collected 6,646 samples. MD and NJ had one positive facility each. The WR reports that 11 states have begun or completed National Survey activities (AZ, AR, CA, ID, IA, LA, MO, OK, OR, TX, and WA). These states have inspected 383 nurseries and have collected 14,576 samples; 14 facilities in two states, CA and WA, have tested positive.

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